

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

- (a) communicating on demand, from an information server through a wide area network to a device connected to the wide area network information from a database populated by a multiplicity of entries denoting availability for a venue;
- (b) displaying the information including a plurality of available individual seats at the venue such that an end user connected to the wide area network can view the information on a client node unaffiliated with the server, the client node and having no dedicated resident software that is as an aid in determining a specific individual seat conforming to a need of the end user;
- (c) providing over the wide area network to the end user the capability of interactively selecting the specific individual seat from among the plurality of individual seats displayed;
- (d) receiving from the end user a selection of the specific individual seat;
- (e) accepting over the wide area network from the end user a payment for the seat;
- (f) returning over the wide area network to the end user verification of the successful completion of the payment.

2. (Previously Presented) The method described in claim 1 wherein the seat sought is for a theater or theater type setting.

3. (Previously Presented) The method described in claim 1 wherein the seat sought is for a stadium type setting.

4. (Previously Presented) The method described in claim 1 wherein the seat sought is for an airplane or airliner.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously Amended) The method described in claim 1 wherein a communication connection between the information server and the end user includes one of a wire, a cable, and a telephone line connection.
- 7-10. (Cancelled)
11. (Previously Amended) The method described in claim 1 wherein a communication connection between the information server and the end user includes a satellite link.
- 12-15. (Cancelled)
16. (Previously Amended) The method described in claim 1 wherein a communication connection between the information server and the end user includes a wireless link.
17. (Previously Amended) The method described in claim 2 wherein a communication connection between the information server and the end user is wireless.
- 18-23. (Cancelled)
24. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
receiving at a server a request for a venue from ~~a web browser at least one executing on a client node remote from and unaffiliated with the server and having no dedicated resident software;~~

transmitting, responsive to the request, from the server an indication of specific availability including a representation of a plurality of specific individual seats available in the venue, the indication of specific availability directed to the client node;

receiving at the server a specific indication of a client preference identifying a particular individual seat for purchase from the plurality of specific individual seats available; removing the client preference from any future indication of specific availability.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising:

retrieving from a database an image showing a view from the seat indicated by the client preference; transmitting the image to the client.

26. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the indication of specific availability includes a graphical representation of at least a portion of a seating chart for the venue, and wherein the graphical representation shows availability seats in a first representation and previously sold seats in a second representation.

27. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the indication of the specific availability is transmitted as one of a hypertext markup language page and a java applet.

28. (Original) The method of claim 26 further comprising:

linking the representation of a seat to an image of a view from that seat.

29. (Original) The method of claim 24 further comprising:

accepting payment information at the server sufficient to permit access to the specific client preference;

conducting an electronic payment transaction; and  
providing an electronic receipt.

30. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
- requesting information about a venue across a wide area network (WAN) from a client node to be supplied by an unaffiliated server node, the client node having no dedicated resident software that is an aid in determining a specific individual seat conforming to a need of the end user;
- receiving an indication of available individual seats in the venue for purchase at the client node the indication including a representation of a plurality of available individual seats;
- selecting by the user from the plurality of individual seats available a specific seat for purchase; and
- receiving an indication that the specific seat has been reserved through the server node.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 wherein the indication of available individual seats includes a graphical representation of at least a portion of a seating chart for the venue, and wherein the graphical representation shows available seats in a first representation and previously sold seats in a second representation.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31 wherein selecting comprises:  
clicking on a desired seat.

33. (Original) The method of claim 32 further comprising:  
receiving an image of a view from the desired seat responsive to the clicking.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 further comprising:  
supplying payment information for the specific seat; and

receiving an electronic receipt sufficient to permit access to the seat.